THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING AND DEPARTMENT OF PENSION AND PENSIONERS' WELFARE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. The eligibility criteria for both men and women to hold posts at the Centre are uniform, gender neutral and do not discriminate against women AIS officers in any manner.

(c) Does not arise in view of the replies to parts (a) and (b) above.

Reservation Policy for Promotion

84. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the steps taken by Government to restore reservation in promotion of SCs and STs employees in fulfilment of the assurances given to them, recently; and

(b) by when restoration will be ensured?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING AND DEPARTMENT OF PENSION AND PENSIONERS' WELFARE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) Instructions already exist providing for reservation in promotion for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribe employees.

(b) Does not arise.